

## SEED TIME PROMISE

## Nebraska Not to See Another Year of Drought and Famine

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Before the Rain Fell There Was Enough  
Moisture to Protect Seed.

**SIXTY-NINE COUNTIES ON THE PROSPECT**

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**Outlook Favorable in All but a Few Scattered Localities.**

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**RAIN OF SATURDAY NIGHT AND SUNDAY**

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**Nearly Every County in the State Visited by a Generous soaking Shower—Summary of the Reports Basis for Hope.**

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Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night rain fell in nearly every county in eastern and northern Nebraska. A few spots in the

central and western part of the state have been reported, but it is known that the mosquitoes were distributed generally and almost everywhere along the coast and in the interior, generally all through the thickly settled portion of the state. More timely rain in recent years, for the prospects for the coming year are very bright, and the mosquitoes are expected to rise to proportions that already have caused conditions in the state were such that the outlook for an abundant crop was very dubious. In order that the exact situation might be known, the bee has secured reports of the present conditions throughout the state. Reports have been received from nearly every county in the state, which show that as yet there is no cause for the alarm that there is.

been felt—that, in fact, the prospects are generally of the best. In spite of the lack of rain, the reports indicate that in almost every section of Nebraska the soil is moist and in good condition for working and seeding. There are a few exceptions to this gen-

look rather dubious. It is true there have been a great lack of moisture, but the reports indicate that the ground is not too dry for seeding, and that with the rain that came last night and what will follow in April and May all crops will be in excellent condition.

All of the eastern counties report the soil as in excellent condition, though in the southeast more rain is needed at once. This section of the state yesterday. The acreage is reported to be an average one, both in corn and small grain.

Along the Republican valley the situation is very favorable. Nearly all the counties in

In the central portion of the state the situation seems to be generally good. In the districts where the drouth was the most severe last year the reports show that the wheat is growing fine for seed. In Gustine

county, for instance, right in the heart of the drouth-stricken district, the conditions are reported as good, though somewhat more so. A farmer in this county reports that his truck made reports no quite favorable, and three or four will have decreased acreage because of lack of seed.

The gloomier reports come from the farther end of the county. In these counties the farmers are discouraged, unless their farms are under irrigation. The reports, however, state that irrigation plants are being extended, and that with the much needed water the alfalfa will be in good ure. Alfalfa will be extensively grown in this district.

In northern Nebraska the situation is very encouraging, and an increased acreage of alfalfa will be sown. The soil is reported to be in excellent condition,

In the extreme northern counties there is a general complaint of lack of moisture, and but little was considered encouraging until the timely rain has put a different aspect on affairs.

While generally reported as too dry in the northwestern counties, the outlook is declared to be very favorable. Rain was needed at once to insure a crop, and that rain came.

The following reports, all written during the past week, tell the story in detail from the various counties:

**ADAMS COUNTY**

The acreage sown in spring wheat will be insignificant. Not quite so many oats will be sown as usual, owing to a scarcity of seed. The yield of the wheat will be about 10% below the average. The soil is in excellent condition, in fact never was better. Very little preparation will be necessary to enable us to put it in perfect order for seedling. We had no rain or snow in this country this month, except a little snow on the 13th. The rain in February was all absorbed and the earth is moist enough to insure a quick start to the wheat. "The future is in the shadow of the past" there is nothing in the present condition to cause anxiety.

**BANNER COUNTY.**

The soil was very dry and has been a long rain and but little snow since last fall. There will be little grain put in unless our farmers secure aid soon. Our county has no money to help them. They will need aid, but have a crop we must have seed.

**BLAINE COUNTY.**

The outlook for spring sowing here was not very good. The soil is in need of seed. The condition of the soil is first rate.

We have had no FEAR, but had light frosts, the snow evaporating slowly. It is now pretty dry.

**BOONE COUNTY.**

The outlook for spring sowing was new better. Winter wheat, however, is very poor and the most of it will be plowed up. Spring wheat is all sown and cut sowing has been commenced. Very little ground will remain unplowed. The soil is in the best of condition at present, but the ground will need rain soon. In spite of the fact that we have had very little rain or snow, the ground is moist for three feet down.

**BOX BUTTE COUNTY.**

The outlook in this county for spring sowing is not so good as in Boone county. The ground is not so moist, but the outlook is not so gloomy as in some of the other counties.

The outlook for spring sowing is very poor. Very few farmers are attempting to do anything. There is about six inches of moist soil on top, then dry as meal and hard as board for about six feet down. Unless a wet rain soon there can be no crop. The ground is excessively dry underneath.

plow or cultivator straps on the dry ground. There is not much water enough to grow the wheat. We had one or two light and falls in early March, but nothing since except very clean, bright weather, warm and pleasant. Our farmers are much disappointed and discouraged.

**BUFFALO COUNTY.**

The shortage of seed in this county was probably be two-thirds of usual area. There will be a larger proportion of corn than of other cereals. The condition of the soil was never better. The ground is in mud and moist for a sufficient depth for cultivation. The rain and very little snow during March, but we had a glorious rainfall in February, which did inculcate